

MEETING OF

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

A meeting of the Delaware Agricultural Lands Preservation Foundation was held at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy. Dover, Delaware, May 13, 2009, with the following members in attendance:

Robert F. Garey, Chairman	Edwin Kee, Secretary of Agriculture
William Vanderwende, Vice Chairman	Kevin Coyle (representing Collin O'Mara, Secretary of DNREC)
G. Ray Staats	Lisa Embert (representing Velda Jones-Potter, State Treasurer)
Theodore P. Bobola, Jr.	

Absent: L. Allen Messick, Jr., Joseph Wick, and Lyn Davenport.

The following staff members were in attendance: Michael McGrath, Howard Mesick, Milton Melendez, Cathy Mesick, Robin West, Scott Blaier, Kathi Spangler, and Danielle Klosowski.

Others in attendance: F. Michael Parkowski, Mr. Austin Short, Dr. Michael Valenti, Mr. and Mrs. LeCates, Mr. Donald M. Carey, Ms. G. Erin Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Bennett, Mr. Kirk Albertson, and Mr. Rick McAllister.

Chairman Garey opened the meeting at 8:34 a.m. with prayer.

I. Progress Report:

Milton Melendez informed the Board that we have a total of 997 farms in preservation districts totaling 147,090 acres, with a total of 505 farms under agricultural easements totaling 90,734 acres at a cost of \$146,623,116. For PDR 14 there are a total of 133 farms comprising 12,848 acres with a value of \$121,078,120. For PDR 15 there are a total of 54 farms, comprising 3,985 acres, with a value of \$52,263,437. For the Forestland Preservation Program there are 34 Areas comprising 2,506 acres. For PDR 14 for Forestland Preservation there is a total of 22 Areas, comprising 2,131 acres, with a value of \$9,293,099.

II. Forestland Preservation Areas Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Richard Forestland Preservation Area, F-S-08-12-219K-035. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Richard Forestland Preservation Area, seconded by Lisa Embert. Motion unanimously approved.**

III. District Final Approval:

1. Irvan Alexander District, ID#K-08-12-252. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept for final approval the Iran Alexander District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

IV. Expansion Eligibility & Final Approval:

1. Irvan Alexander Expansion of the Irvan Alexander District, ID#K-08-12-252A. After discussion, **Theodore P. Bobola, Jr. moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Irvan Alexander Expansion of the Irvan Alexander District, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

2. Lands of William Paskey Expansion #2 of the Woikoski Farms District, ID#K-09-10-092E. After discussion, **Kevin Coyle moved to accept for eligibility/final approval the Lands of William Paskey Expansion of the Woikoski Farms District, seconded by Ray Staats. Motion unanimously approved.**

Secretary Kee waived the Veto of the Secretary of Agriculture for the above Forestland Preservation Area, District Final Approval, and District Expansions.

V. Public Comments:

No public comments were forthcoming.

VI. Minutes:

Chairman Garey asked if there were any comments or changes to the April 8, 2009, minutes. Hearing none, the Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **William Vanderwende. moved to approve the April minutes, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

VII. Financial Highlights:

Howard Mesick presented the Financial Summary for the month of April, 2009, informing the Foundation Board that we had, as of April 30, 2009, \$148,809.80 in the Foundation's interest bearing State of Delaware account. We received \$98.68 revenue from rollback taxes, with interest for the month of April of \$86.00. Expenditures for the month of April totaled \$39,660.26. After discussion **Ray Staats moved to approve the April 2009 financial statement as presented, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.**

VIII. Executive Session

Michael Parkowski informed the Board it was necessary to hold an Executive Session to discuss appraisal matters. **William Vanderwende moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ray Staats. Motion unanimously approved. The Executive Session began at 8:50 a.m.**

The Executive Session ended at 9:38 a.m. when William Vanderwende moved to go back into regular session, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.

IX. Purchase of Development Rights

It was necessary for Chairman Bob Garey to reclude himself from discussion and voting on the Forestland Area Purchase of Development Rights Round 14 because of a conflict of interest. Secretary of Agriculture, Ed Kee, became Acting Chairman and directed the meeting.

Acting Chairman Ed Kee asked Austin Short, the State Forester, to present the list of Forestland Preservation Areas for PDR 14. After discussion, **William Vanderwende moved to accept the list as presented, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.** Chairman Robert Garey did not take part in the discussion or voting.

Both Chairman Bob Garey and Vice Chairman Bill Vanderwende found it necessary to reclude themselves from discussion and voting on the Farmland Preservation portion of the Purchase of Development Rights Round 14 because of a conflict of interest.

Acting Chairman Ed Kee asked Michael McGrath to present the list of farmland preservation properties for PDR 14. After discussion, **Theodore Bobola, Jr. moved to accept the list as presented, seconded by Kevin Coyle. Motion unanimously approved.** Chairman Robert Garey and Vice Chairman William Vanderwende did not take part in the discussion or voting.

After the selection process and voting took place Chairman Garey resumed direction of the Foundation meeting.

The lists of the PDR 14 properties were distributed to the public.

X. Other Business

Vice Chairman Bill Vanderwende requested staff to send out a thank you letter to Russell Morgan and Paul Petrichenko of NRCS, this was approved the by rest of the Board.

XI. Adjournment

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As there was no further business to come before the Foundation, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting of the Foundation will be held on June 10, 2009 at the Delaware Department of Agriculture, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William Vanderwende
Vice Chairman